

REMARKS

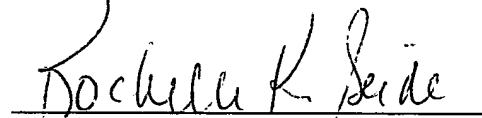
Claims 19-48 are pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully resubmits the arguments from the Amendment and accompanying papers, filed January 15, 2004, in response to the Office Action, mailed July 15, 2003. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant does not believe that any fee is required in connection with the submission of this document. However, should any fee be required, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments made, to Deposit Account 02-4377. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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